

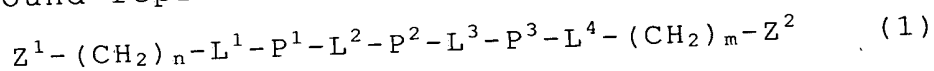
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[Problem to be Solved by the Invention] To provide a novel liquid crystalline compound capable of providing an optical film having an excellent capability of retaining the aligned liquid crystal orientation which has been fixed and mechanical strength.

[Means for Solving the Problem]

The problem was solved with a liquid crystalline compound represented by the formula:



wherein Z^1 and Z^2 are each independently a group represented by any one of formulas (2), (3) and (4) below, L^1 , L^2 , L^3 , and L^4 each independently indicate direct bond or are a group represented by any of $-O-$, $-O-CO-$, or $-CO-O-$, P^1 and P^2 are each independently a group represented by formula (5) below, and P^3 indicates direct bond or is a group represented by formula (5) below, n and m are each independently an integer of 0 to 8;



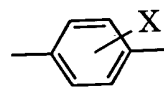
(2)



(3)



(4)



(5)

wherein X is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, or halogen.

[Chosen Drawing] Fig. 1